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Dear parents and carers,

I know many of you will have listened to Prime Minister, Boris Johnson this evening and have felt a feeling of disappointment that the earliest that children will be returning to school is 8th March and could be even later, depending on the R rate. As a school, we had a meeting this evening discussing the introduction of lateral flow testing for all staff in school and everyone had the same thoughts. They are missing the normality of school, they are missing the normality of life and they are missing the daily face to face contact with your children.

I know from talking to many of you and conversations with staff in school, people are finding this lockdown particularly hard. I think it's because we have been through it twice already and it's hard to imagine that we will get back to normality anytime soon. During the first lockdown, we had the weather to keep us busy with fun in the sun and during the second lockdown we had Christmas to look forward to.

We are in the middle of winter, it's cold and it's dark and many of us are stuck inside our houses. We watch the television reports and it seems to be bad news on top of bad news with nothing to look forward to. We have been in this for nearly a year now, with the first school lockdown on 20th March last year. I know, you feel the same as me, and you are desperate for your life to get back to normal, to see family, to spend quality times with friends and personally, I just want to give my mum and dad a hug.

Remember all of this when you are beating yourselves up about what you haven't done. When staff are talking to you, they are not there as a voice to say 'what school work have you done?' but, 'how are you?' 'What can we do to help?' and 'You are doing enough.' However you are feeling is valid and we all deal with things differently. It is okay to have bad days. We will get through this and although the light is dim at the end of the tunnel, it is getting brighter every day as we travel together towards it.

Take care of each other and remember we are here for you.

With my best wishes,
Diane Beardsmore
Head teacher